

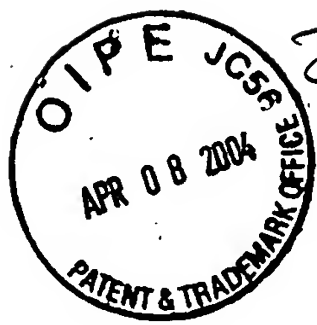


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 1004. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement.

The restriction requirement is based on the allegation that the claims cover patentably distinct species:

Species I: Claims 1-11 directed to method and device for lysing cells using mechanical means (ultrasonic waves); and

Species II: Claims 12-21 directed to method and device for lysing cells using chemical coupled with mechanical means.

Claims 12-21, however, do not recite any "chemical" coupled with mechanical means. Therefore, the grounds for the restriction requirement does not exist. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the restriction requirement.

In the event that restriction requirement is maintained, Applicants would elect Species I (claims 1-11) for prosecution, and respectfully request that the Examiner explain the basis for the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,



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